

Edison-Spencer-Grafton Block
254-264 Columbus Avenue
Boston
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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Massachusetts	COUNTY Suffolk	TOWN OR VICINITY Boston
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Edison-Spencer-Grafton Block		HABS NO. MA-1114
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 254-264 Columbus Avenue, Boston, MA		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1879	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Frederic C. Pope	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This building is included in the South End Historic District.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) red brick walls, granite trim and metal bays		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Trapezoidal in shape; originally four stories tall. Approximately 68' wide by 70' deep.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE A wide granite belt runs between the first and second levels. Metal-sheathed bays at the center and corner rise from the second to the top floor (the corner bay is aluminum sided). A large cast iron bracket supports the center bay. The windows have stone sills and rosetted lintels. A pediment tops the central bay area above the third floor level.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Store fronts remodeled Corner bay sided with aluminum Top floors of 262-64 demolished after fire; first floor remodeled, 1963		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Documentation for this structure was prepared by the Department of Transportation in compliance with Executive Order 11593 and a Memorandum of Agreement with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Included in the South End Historic District which is listed on the National Register		
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